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Introduction to the Nebraska Ansiedler

The "Nebraska Ansiedler," forerunner of the "Mennonitische Rundschau," was published monthly from June 1878 to May 1880 inclusive. It is essentially, as its title indicates, "dedicated to the interests of the German population in the West."

The most obvious difference between the "Ansiedler" and its successor is that it caters to the interests of all German settlers on the North American prairies and not exclusively to Mennonites. Another difference is the "Ansiedler's" agricultural orientation and the fact that less attention is given to religious topics or spiritual concerns, as opposed to the "Rundschau."

Many of the "Ansiedler's" articles are reports on the booming West and of the prosperity yet to come, while others report on the poor conditions in Europe, especially Germany and Russia, from where most of the readers would have come.

Besides articles dealing with agriculture, economics, or politics there are also international news items under the heading "Auslaendische Rundschau." These reports, as well as those under "Verschiedenes" or "Editorielles," were considered too numerous to index and were therefore left out, unless they provided important information with regards to history, especially that of the Mennonites, or important analyses of the thought, culture, faith, or experience of the Mennonite and German settlers. In addition, "filler materials," such as advertisements or brief announcements, were not indexed.

The "Ansiedler" subject index is essentially the same as that of the forthcoming "Rundschau" index, with several additions and modifications required by its unique nature. The index itself is patterned after the

"Bote" index published by CMBC Publications (Winnipeg) in 1976.

When using the "Ansiedler" Index it is important to note the following points:

1. Initialled articles, will be arranged with the last initial first. For example, an article initialled A K will be listed as K A.

2. In the Articles and Author Index, the Authors' last names or initials are listed alphabetically and their articles are listed chronologically.

3. In the Anonymous section articles are listed chronologically. If several articles are on the same page they are listed alphabetically, according to the first word in the title. Grammatical articles such as "Der," "Die," "Das," and any form of "Ein" are not considered. If they appear in the title the word immediately following should be used.

4. Not all C & L (Congregational and Local) Reports are of the same nature. In some cases several towns or communities in a single State, Province, or Territory, are reported on. In such cases a single C & L Report was made for the entire area, rather than several smaller reports. Other C & L Reports, from one specific town or community, are listed under the name of the specific locality.

5. Some reports from territores which are now States, such as the Dakota Territory, are left in their original form. That is, a report from Bismark will be listed Bismark, Dakota and not Bismark, North Dakota.

6. There is a supplement (Beilage) to the June 1879 edition. It is listed as page five of this editon.

7. The dates and page numbers are abbreviated, with the month coming first followed by an apostrophe and the last two digits of the year. Then there is a hyphen followed by the page number on which the article is located. For example, the abbreviation Je'80-3, indicates that the article is from June, 1880 and it is on page 3. A list of all abbreviations used is in this index.

8. The umlaut or ß is not used in the index. Instead of the former, the vowel is followed by an "e." A double "s" (ss) is used instead of the latter.

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Georgia	GA	Nebraska	NE	Utah	UT
Guam	GU	Nevada	NV	Vermont	VT
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Idaho	ID	New Jersey	NJ	Virgin Islands	VI
Illinois	IL	New Mexico	NM	Washington	WA
Indiana	IN	New York	NY	West Virginia	WV
Iowa	IA	North Carolina	NC	Wisconsin	WI
Kansas	KS	North Dakota	ND	Wyoming	WY

MONTH ABBREVIATIONS

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